

State Profile: Alaska

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The Office of Child Care's National Child Care Information and Technical Assistance Center

Program Funding and Participation

Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)¹

Funding	
CCDF Expenditure:	\$25,567,807
Federal Expenditure:	\$18,044,421
State Expenditure:	\$7,523,386
Participation	
Average Monthly Number of Children Served:	3,300
Average Monthly Number of Families Served:	2,000

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)²

Funding	
TANF – Total Child Care Expenditure:	\$24,718,927
TANF – Direct Expenditure on Child Care:	\$14,110,027
TANF – Transfer to CCDF:	\$10,608,900

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)⁵

Funding	
CACFP Funding:	\$7,148,747
Participation	
Number of participating family child care homes:	397
Number of participating child care centers:	195
Average daily participation of children in family child care homes:	2,994
Average daily participation of children in child care centers:	7,013

Child Care Tax Credits⁶

Funding	
Federal Total Amount Claimed:	\$ 7,725,000
Federal Number of Claims:	14,027
State Tax Credit Available:	No
State Credit Refundable:	No

Head Start³

Funding	
Head Start State Allocation:	\$ 12,896,034
Participation	
Number of Children Participating in Head Start:	1,583

State-Funded Prekindergarten⁴

Funding	
State Expenditure:	\$
Participation	
Enrollment (3 and 4 year olds):	

CCDF Policies

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Quality

Licensing Process⁷

Child Care Facilities	Number	Capacity
Child Care Centers	220	13,514
Small Family Child Care Homes	311	2,376
Large/Group Family Child Care Homes	82	976
Other Licensed Facilities:	0	0
Total:	613	16,866

Licensing Agency Staff	
Number of Licensing Line Staff	24
Estimated Caseloads	26:1

Types of Routine Compliance Inspections Conducted	Announced	Unannounced
Child Care Centers	Yes	Yes
Small Family Child Care Homes	Yes	Yes
Large/Group Family Child Care Homes	Yes	Yes

Frequency of Inspections

Child Care Centers	Once every 2 years
Small Family Child Care Homes	Once every 2 years
Large/Group Family Child Care Homes	Once every 2 years

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Program Quality⁸

Program Standards

State has program standards that are at least one level above licensing	No
Standards are part of an implemented quality rating and improvement system (QRIS)	No
Standards are part of a QRIS pilot or QRIS in development	No
Standards are part of another statewide quality improvement initiative	No

Program Supports

State provides technical assistance/consultation to help programs improve quality	No
TA is part of a QRIS	No
State has an accreditation facilitation project	No
State has health consultants	Yes
State has infant/toddler specialists	No
State has school-age care specialists	No
State has inclusion specialists	No
State has mental health specialists	Yes
State has support for family, friend, and neighbor caregivers	No

Quality Assurance

State is using environment rating scales to measure quality (ECERS, FCCRS, SACERS, ITERS)	Yes
State is using the Program Administration Scale or Business Administration Scale (PAS/BAS)	No
State is using other assessment tools, i.e., Early Learning and Literacy Classroom Observation (ELLCO) or Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS)	No
Program assessments are part of a QRIS	No

Financial Incentives

State has enhanced rates/tiered reimbursement tied to quality	No
State has grants/bonuses/awards to help meet licensing requirements	No
State has grants/bonuses/awards for working toward levels of quality	No
State has grants/bonuses/awards for achieving levels of quality	No
Financial incentives are part of a QRIS	No

Consumer Engagement	
State has a Web site for parents with information about quality	Yes
State publishes quality ratings on the Internet or in print	No
State publishes information about licensing compliance on the Internet	No
State conducts consumer engagement campaign with a focus on quality	Yes

Quality Rating and Improvement System
No program

Professional Development Systems⁹

Core Knowledge/Competencies	
State has defined core/knowledge competencies for practitioners	Yes

Qualifications, Credentials, Pathways	
State has a career lattice/ladder	Yes
State has a practitioner registry	Yes
State has credentials (e.g., director, early childhood, school-age, infant/toddler, etc.)	No

Quality Assurance	
State has a trainer approval system	No
State has a training approval system	No

Access and Outreach	
State has mentoring/coaching to help practitioners improve their skills	No
State has career advising	No
State has a database or calendar of training opportunities on the Internet	Yes

Funding for Practitioners	
State has scholarships, including TEACH Early Childhood® Project	Yes
State has wage supplements/incentive bonuses	No

Professional Development System
Alaska's System for Early Education Development (Alaska SEED)

Early Learning Guidelines¹⁰

Age Group		Early Learning Guidelines
Birth to 3 years	No	
3 to 5 years	No	
Birth to 5 years	Yes	Alaska Early Learning Guidelines

Demographics

Children and Families¹¹

Population Statistics	
Total population:	698,473
Number of children under 5:	54,781
Total number of children under 18:	183,512
Children under 5 as a percent of population:	7.84%
Children under 18 as a percent of population:	26.27%

Poverty Rate Estimates	
Children under 5 in poverty:	15.82%
Children under 18 in poverty:	12.81%

Children Living in Working Families	
Percent of children under 6 living with working parents:	20.35%
Percent of children ages 6-17 living with working parents:	40.19%

Workforce¹²

Workforce Statistics	
Number of paid employees in child care establishments	1,673
Number of self-employed child care providers	1,772
Average annual wage for child care workers	\$ 23,670

State Contacts Directories

CCDF Lead Agencies
Licensing Agencies
Professional Development Contacts
Child Care Resource and Referral Contacts
Other State Contacts

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